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WRITTEN RESPONSE TO STANOVNIK REQUEST FOR VIEWS ON FUTURE
ACTIVITIES OF ECE. TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

"IN THE SOVIET UNION, THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION
FOR EUROPE (ECE) HAS ALWAYS BEEN LOOKED UPON AS A USEFUL AND
IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT CALLED UPON TO PERFORM
TASKS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CO-OPERATION, ON A BASIS OF
EQUALITY AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGE, ON AN ALL-EUROPEAN SCALE AND
FIRST AND FOREMOST BETWEEN COUNTRIES BELONGING TO DIFFERENT
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS.

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"FOLLOWING THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON

SECUTIRY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE, WHICH WORKED OUT A BROAD PLATFORM OF ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-OPERATION AND TO FOSTER RELATIONS OF CO-OPERATION ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY BETWEEN STATES, THE ROLE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COMMISSION ARE UNDOUBTEDLY INCREASING.

"THE COMMISSION CAN AND SHOULD PUT THE FAVOURABLE RESULTS OF THE ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE TO MAXIMUM USE AND MAKE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT WHICH REFER TO MATTERS WITHIN ECE'S SPHERE OF COMPETENCE.

"IN OUR OPINION THE COMMISSION SHOULD CONTINUE TO DEVOTE ITS MAIN ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF COMMERCIAL, ECONOMIC, INDUATRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. THE COMMISSION HAS ALREADY GAINED SOME USEFUL EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD.

"IN CHARTING EXACT COURSES FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CO-OPERATION, THE WORK WHICH THE COMMISSION IS DOING WITH REGARD TO THE GENERAL ECONOMIC PROSPECTS OF ECE COUNTRIES MAY PROVE HELPFUL.

"THE SOVIET UNION, OF COURSE, CHAMPIONS THE ALL-ROUND DEVELOPMENT OF EAST-WEST TRADE ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGE. ATTENTION SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON REMOVING THE OBSTACLES WHICH STILL EXIST AND RESOLVING OTHER PRACTICAL QUESTIONS IN ORDER TO EXPAND AND DIVERSIFY MUTUAL TRADE.

"IN ADDITION TO EXPANDING THE TRADITIONAL FORMS OF EAST-WEST TRADE, THERE IS SCOPE FOR MAKING USE OF NEW FORMS OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND IN PARTICULAR FOR INSTITUTING LARGE-SCALE, LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND AIMED AT THE EXECUTION OF IMPORTANT JOINT PROJECTS. IT IS A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT STABLE, LARGE-SCALE, LONG-TERM RELATIONS IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY NOT ONLY BRING THE PARTIES MUTUAL BENEFITS FOR MANY YEARS BUT ALSO STRENGTHEN THE MATERIAL BASE FOR A POLICY OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AS BETWEEN STATES OF DIFFERENT SOCIAL STRUCTURE.

"IN THIS CONNECTION, ALL ECE COUNTRIES WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE AN INCREASING INTEREST IN ACTIVITIES CONCERNED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF EAST-WEST INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF EXISTING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS AND OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, AND IN THE INTENSIFICATION OF ECE RESEARCH WORK IN THAT FIELD. IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD EXPLORE THE SCOPE FOR EXECUTING IN EUROPE LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS OF GENERAL INTEREST RELATING TO ENERGY RESOURCES, RAW MATERIAL UTILIZATION AND TRANSPORT, INCLUDING WATER TRANSPORT.

"FROM THIS STANDPOINT, IN OUR OPINION, PROMISING LINES FOR THE COMMISSION TO PURSUE MIGHT INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO THE MATTERS ALREADY BEING GIVEN PRIORITY, CO-OPERATION IN INDUSTRY AND POWER ENGINEERING.

"IN THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL FIELD THE COMMISSION MIGHT TAKE A MORE ACTIVE INTEREST IN QUESTIONS RELATING TO NEW TECHNOLOGY, RATIONAL USE OF THE RESOURCES OF THE POWER INDUSTRY, TRANSPORT TECHNOLOGY, AGRICULTURE AND CHEMISTRY. IN THE CONTEXT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, THIS APPLIES TO QUESTIONS RELATING TO AIR POLLUTION ABATEMENT; THE PROTECTION OF WATER AGAINST CONTAMINATION; THE USE OF FRESH WATER SOURCES; IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN BUILT-UP AREAS; FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH INTO AND THE MONITORING, FORECASTING AND APPRAISAL OF CHANGES IN THE ENVIRONMENT; AND LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES. IN THESE FIELDS OF ACTIVITY, USE COULD BE MADE OF THE METHODS AND FORMS OF CO-OPERATION ALREADY EVOLVED IN ECE.

"THE MACHINERY DEVELOPED IN ECE AND THE PRIORITIES ALREADY ASSIGNED TO PARTICULAR LINES OF ECE ACTIVITY ARE, IN THE MAIN, CONSISTENT WITH THE TASKS TO BE FACED IN THE LIGHT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE. IN THE COURSE OF PRACTICAL WORK TO GIVE EFFECT TO THOSE PROVISIONS, THE NEED MAY ARISE TO MAKE CHANGES HERE AND THERE IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSION'S WORKING BODIES AND IN ITS WORKING PROCEDURE. AT ALL EVENTS, THIS PROCESS OF REFINING THE MACHINERY FOR CO-OPERATION IN ECE SHOULD NOT TAKE THE FORM OF AN ISOLATED CAMPAIGN.

"QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF ECE MIGHT BE EXAMINED AT THE COMMISSION'S THIRTY-FIRST REGULAR PLENARY SESSION IN APRIL 1976 WITH, OF COURSE, DUE REGARD FOR THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE."
END QUOTE BRUNGART

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